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Title of Invention: INDOLE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE FOR THE TREATMENT OF OSTEOPOROSIS AMONGST OTHER APPLICATIONS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to calculating filing fees and examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 22 - 25 and 27 - 29, and amend claims 3, 7, and 9.

3. (Amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is 5-chloro and R<sub>2</sub> is 6-chloro.

7. (Amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>S</sub> or R<sub>T</sub> represent 3-[4-(3-methoxyphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl or 3-[4-(2-pyrimidinyl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl.

9. (Amended) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>S</sub> or R<sub>T</sub> represent a 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidin-4-yl group or a 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl group.

REMARKS

An abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

Claims 22 - 25 and 27 - 29 have been canceled and claims 3, 7, and 9 have been amended in order to eliminate multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added. This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP00/05672 into the U.S. national phase of prosecution. Entry of this amendment into the record is requested.

Furthermore, attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by the current preliminary amendment. The attached page is captioned:

"Version with markings to show changes made."

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